



# ENGLISH

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Lecture :02

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## Pronunciation of the final sound -ED

In the introductory the difficulty consisting in selecting the pronunciation of a final sound -ED had been mentioned. The opportunities to pronounce this final sound are many: words ending in -ED are regular verbs in the preterite, in the present perfect, in the past perfect and in the past participle of these verbs. This final sound is pronounced: / t /, / d /, and / id / and it is often difficult for Learners to make this choice, which is often made at random... To escape this random choice, you should only remember the rule consisting in examining the original verb (the root verb) before adding -ED.

1) If the (*root verb*) ends with /t/ or /d/, you should add an extra syllable /id/.

- *part: they parted*: root verb: *part*: /id/

- *end: they ended*: root verb: *end*: /id/

- *test: she tested*: root verb: *test*: /id/

Now, what is happening if the root verb ends with something other than /t/ or /d/?

2) The root-verb may end with three different sounds:

besides 'the voiced vowel sounds'

there are also 'voiced consonant sounds' [which are pronounced thanks to the vibrations of the vocal chords] and 'the unvoiced-consonant sounds' [no vibrations of the chords]

- The rules are that: the voiced sound at the end of a verb will give a voiced-final sound: /d/
- On the contrary, an unvoiced consonant will give an unvoiced-final sound: /t/

### Voiced Consonant:

/b/ /d/ /g/ /m/  
/n/ /ng/ /v/ /z/  
/th/ /zh/ /j/ /w/  
/y/ /l/ /r/

### Unvoiced Consonants:

/p/ /t/ /k/ /f/ /s/  
/sh/ /h/ /th/ /ch/  
(Note: Vowels are voiced.)

It's easy, in fact, but at the beginning, you'll have to place your hand on your throat to feel, or not to feel, the possible vibrations of it

## REMEMBER

The verb ends with:

- a vowel sound: ('voiced') => the final sound will be /d/
- a voiced consonant sound (voiced)=> the final sound will be /d/
- an unvoiced consonant (unvoiced) => the final sound will be /t/
- verbs in /t/ or /d/: extra syllable=> final sound in -ED

Here are several verbs or adjectives ending in **-ED** and its pronunciation:

walked	<b>t</b>	moved	<b>d</b>	closed	<b>d</b>	jumped	<b>t</b>
opened	<b>d</b>	danced	<b>d</b>	wanted	<b>id</b>	saved	<b>d</b>
dined	<b>d</b>	voiced	<b>t</b>	loved	<b>d</b>	noticed	<b>t</b>
started	<b>id</b>	finished	<b>t</b>	invited	<b>id</b>	enjoyed	<b>d</b>
arrived	<b>d</b>	sounded	<b>id</b>	visited	<b>id</b>	used	<b>d</b>